UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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) Civil Action No.) 18-10403-ADB
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ORDER

BURROUGHS, J.

- 1. Petitioner William Curry's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* is hereby <u>ALLOWED</u>.
- 2. The petition and this action are hereby <u>DISMISSED</u> for lack of jurisdiction pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases, where it "plainly appears from the petition...that the petitioner is not entitled to relief in the district court." The present petition is an unauthorized second or successive 28 U.S.C. §2254 petition which must be dismissed under 28 U.S.C. §2244(b)(3)(A) or transferred to the First Circuit. See Gautier v. Wall, 620 F.3d 58, 61 (1st Cir.2010) (holding district court lacked jurisdiction to consider second or successive petition without authorization) (citing <u>Burton v. Stewart</u>, 549 U.S. 147, 152 (2007) ("The long and short of it is that [petitioner] neither sought nor received authorization from the Court of Appeals before filing his . . . petition, a 'second or successive' petition challenging his custody, and so the District Court was without jurisdiction to entertain it."); 28 U.S.C. 2244(b)(3)(A); and First Circuit L.R. 22.1(e). Petitioner failed to inform the Court that this is his <u>sixth</u>¹ 28 U.S.C. § 2254 petition

¹ All of the petitions were dismissed. <u>See Curry v. Ficco</u>, C.A. 01-11921-RGS, <u>Curry v. Ficco</u>, C.A. 02-12297-DPW, <u>Curry v. Commonwealth of Massachusetts</u>, C.A. 04-12442-MEL; <u>Curry v. Spencer</u>, C.A. 07-10105-WGY, and <u>Curry v. Spencer</u>, 08-11622-WGY.

attempting to vacate his 1998 child sexual assault convictions. On September 24, 2008, petitioner's

fifth 28 U.S.C. §2254 petition was dismissed, and as part of that order the Court warned him about

filing further unauthorized Section 2254 petitions:

Given Curry's repeated filings of habeas petitions under § 2254 challenging his 1998 state convictions in spite of the various Court

Orders finding that the District Court lack jurisdiction over his

successive petitions, this Court finds that at this time, Curry is

abusing the writ of habeas corpus. Therefore, he is hereby

WARNED that he could be subject to sanctions, including an Order

enjoining him from filing further pleadings or cases in this Court

absent prior permission of a judicial officer, should he continue to

file § 2254 habeas petitions challenging his 1998 conviction. Curry

is prohibited from filing any further § 2254 habeas petitions

challenging his 1998 state court convictions unless he first receives

permission from the First Circuit Court of Appeals to do so.

Curry v. Spencer, 08-11622, ECF No. 3, pp 5-6 (copy attached). Petitioner is, once again,

challenging his 1998 convictions, but apparently neither sought, nor received permission to file a

second or successive petition under 28 U.S.C. §2254. This Court has no jurisdiction, and

dismisses the petition rather than transfer the petition to the First Circuit.

3. The Court does not sanction the petitioner, but he is again WARNED that any

further filing of unauthorized Section 2254 petitions may result in sanctions.

4. The Clerk is directed to enter an order of dismissal.

So Ordered.

/s/ Allison D. Burroughs_

ALLISON D. BURROUGHS

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated: April 4, 2018

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